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June 7, 2006

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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Butte County Association of Governments' (BCAG) 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
20	<b>State, and Local Elements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Programs "B – Line Transit Compressed Natural Gas Bus Purchase" project (MPO Id: BLINECMAQ) to purchase 5 buses in Fiscal Year 2006/07. This project is funded from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ). The amendment also modifies funding for the "State Route 99 at Eaton Road Signalization (MPO Id: 04TIPCMAQ7)" project.</li><li>• Programs State Highway Operation and Protection Program Seismic Retrofit lump-sum project, per project list constituting the lump-sum.</li></ul>

See Enclosures.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 20 for inclusion into California's 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only. Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute eligibility determination for the projects from this amendment that are funded from the CMAQ.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 - Exempt Projects, of 40 Code of Federal Regulations § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by BCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. BCAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde, of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross A. Chittenden", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

- c: Lisa Hanf - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Jon A. Clark - Butte County Association of Governments
- Ivan Garcia - Butte County Association of Governments
- Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans
- ✓ Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans